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BALLABROOIE,
HIGH GROUND,
BANGALORE.

7th September 1916

Your Highness,

Since I last wrote, the monsoon has again been disappointing. Nearly all the tanks are reported to be empty. We are in close consultation with the Officers concerned with an eye to the Civil & Military measures that may be necessary.

I have requested the Hon'ble Mr Cobb to kindly bring with him particulars of cases in which the decision of the Government of India is delayed.

The War measures in our small sphere, are making fair progress. We have asked that the sum of Rs 30 lakhs, Your Highness has promised towards the War down, may be received in London but the Govt. of India have neither arranged to do so or replied to our communication. On this account our contribution does not yet figure in the daily reports issued in British India. I have sent a wire to Mr Cobb in this matter.

The draft reply to the Govt. of India on the

Reforms Scheme is ready with the views of the Members of Council and Mr. Ranjindrayya and I shall submit the same to H. H. the Dewanji in two or three days time.

Some of the Merchants in Bangalore who have made money by Profiteering have agreed to start a Commercial Club & to put up a building at their own cost for the purpose - If the scheme materialises, it will strengthen Mercantile activities & interests of this city.

I am duly grateful to your Highness for the encouraging reply received from Mr Meriz regarding the Hirakud project.

I am,

Your Highness's devoted & humble servant,

M. Visvesvaraya